Harrison, Tennessee
August 19th 1863.

Dear Rit.

I wrote a very long letter to you some days ago & have anxiously expected an answer ever since you received it, as you doubtless did. It is a little singular that I do not now get any letters from home; but the last one I received was written on the 1st Aug., but will certainly hear in a day or two why it is you and all at home write so seldom. Since last writing nothing has transpired in the Army worth noticing, & we still remain in our old position, with one exception & that is that the rest of our Division has been moved to Graysville, Ga, a short distance from Lyne's Station. The change was made no doubt on account of the sickness at both places. Our Brigade still occupies its old position, at this place & above here on the river.

We have been engaged in throwing up entrenchments on the river since being here & have no drill now at all.

We have some good earthworks, but there are great doubts that we will have any use of them to prevent the Yankees from crossing.

I only hope they will attempt to cross at this point & I am sure we will give them a pretty decent thrashing. In a few more days the defences will be finished & then we got the unpleasant duty of drilling. There are some reports of an early advance from Rosencrans, but he would surprise me very much

if he ever advanced from his present position in Middle Tennessee. He is a slow one to move, & when he does, he advances very cautiously. I received a letter from Bina several days ago & will answer it in a day or two. Do you ever get a chance to go to Marion? Jno. Carson came down to see me the other day & spent the day with me. His Regiment is camped seven miles from [illegible] river. There is Company in the [illegible] who want me to be their Captain, if their present Captain should ever resign. He was wounded severely at Perryville, & has never since been able to do duty with his Company. He has been placed on Conscript service at home & this may keep him from resigning. The Company knows he wont be able to come back again & want him to resign so as to get me as Captain. The sts. dont wish to be Captain themselves & they want me to have the position. The Captain is a good friend of mine & would prefer that I should be Captain to any one else. I wish he would resign & I could be Captain of the Company. It is a good deal the largest Company in the Regiment & I think about the best one & I should feel proud to command such a one. They will hear from him in a week, or two. Do not mention this to any one not even at home. It is very uncertain about my getting the position & dont want any one to know I am trying to get the position. You are the only person that I have mentioned this thing to. I will write you about it when I get some more news. I have an easier time perhaps in my present

position, that is more privilege, & more work, than in to be Captain, but still I would take a great interest in commanding a good company. I know of one Captain who accepted an Adjutant's position just for to get the privilege of riding on the march, and this is worth more than the rank. I believe I could have one of the finest Companies in the Regiment, if I should become Captain of this one (Co. A.)
It is from Coffee County & is composed of men of the first class. I write hereto this, we have no tents in the Regiment & only three or four tent flies. I have one of the latter & in one end is my bed made of forks & covered with applings, in the other is my writing desk & papers. I am fixed finely, & enjoy the cool nights. It has been sometime since I have been to see Uncle Jno. tho' I am going to see him in a few days, if he has not moved from Tyner's Station.
The excitement about furloughs has died away, & we scarcely here any talk about any one going home. Gen. Hill issued an order allowing one man a furlough to every twenty in a Company, but revoked the same before any one could have time to get away. A great piece of humbuggery. I have given off all hopes of getting a leave of absence. The only Army in the Confederate States where

there was no furloughs are granted to enlisted men & officers, unless they are sick.
I made a horse trade the other day. I gave my horse and a hundred dollars for another horse. I think I made a pretty trade. It is a rather small horse, tho' larger than the other one. It rides very well & is a pretty horse. It will sell for $140,00 now I think, & perhaps more after awhile.
Let Pleas make the trade & he thinks it is a great horse. It is a sorrel mare. The horse I traded was a very tough horse, but he was awful ugly.
We want to get some drum & fifes for the Regiment — I hear there are some in Selma. If so, enquire the price of a good little drum, base drum & some fifes. See if you can express them to Chattanooga safely. We shall want to get any. Let me know when you write & write soon.
Pleas is getting on very well. He has one or two sores & does a good deal of barbering sometimes. You have not much to do, so you must write to me often & long letters.

Yr. Aff. Brother
W. M. Moore